

THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT
Office of Health Care Access

Medicare Spending in Acute Care Hospitals, FY 1998

Medicare, the nation's largest public health insurance program, covers 39 million Americans. It is administered by the federal government and provides health insurance to people age 65 and over, those who have chronic kidney disease, and certain people with disabilities.

In 1998, Medicare financed \$217 billion nationally for the health care of Medicare recipients. Connecticut Medicare expenditures totaled \$3,128,300,000 in FY 1998. Connecticut acute care hospitals accounted for \$1,729,644,461, or 55 percent, of this amount. There were 369,470 discharges from Connecticut acute care hospitals in 1998, of which 146,031, or almost 40 percent, were Medicare-funded discharges. The following chart shows a breakdown of Medicare payments and discharges in the state's acute care hospitals.

Hospital Name	Medicare Payments	Percentage of total payments to hospital	Medicare discharges	Percentage of total discharges from hospital	ALOS for Medicare discharges
William W. Backus	\$42,344,022	39.7%	4,539	40.4%	
Bradley Memorial	\$14,327,194	57.7%	1,676	67.2%	
Bridgeport	\$86,134,164	49.3%	6,588	34.5%	
Bristol	\$30,642,292	45.4%	3,253	44.1%	
CT Children's Medical Center	\$79,501	0.2%	9	0.2%	
Danbury	\$68,558,988	38.3%	5,694	35.3%	
Day Kimball	\$23,287,555	42.0%	2,344	44.2%	
John Dempsey	\$46,295,677	39.2%	2,554	38.7%	
Greenwich	\$40,883,964	38.6%	3,038	37.0%	
Griffin	\$30,143,283	51.8%	2,971	49.8%	
Hartford	\$185,640,210	52.4%	13,051	36.2%	
Charlotte Hungerford	\$30,807,744	48.1%	3,105	49.5%	
Johnson Memorial	\$15,750,331	43.1%	1,990	46.9%	
Lawrence & Memorial	\$57,730,692	42.7%	5,399	39.9%	
Manchester	\$34,737,070	38.8%	3,615	44.2%	
Middlesex	\$59,111,511	46.8%	4,650	45.2%	
Midstate Medical Center	\$37,700,086	42.0%	3,663	43.7%	
Milford	\$19,522,294	46.3%	2,151	50.3%	
New Britain General	\$67,728,595	46.3%	5,825	37.4%	
New Milford	\$17,467,691	41.9%	1,311	41.1%	
Norwalk	\$58,460,245	41.0%	5,007	36.3%	
Rockville General	\$19,648,668	44.4%	1,935	43.7%	
St. Francis	\$155,981,243	54.1%	11,567	39.3%	
St. Joseph	\$16,838,311	68.9%	1,505	57.1%	
St. Mary's	\$52,263,180	49.2%	4,635	43.6%	
Hospital of St. Raphael	\$146,764,613	57.3%	12,912	55.6%	
St. Vincent	\$75,526,276	52.8%	7,306	44.5%	
Sharon	\$11,604,707	46.3%	1,452	48.8%	
Stamford	\$42,963,470	37.0%	4,089	28.5%	
Waterbury	\$63,859,554	53.0%	5,653	44.5%	
Windham	\$16,985,330	39.8%	2,008	43.1%	
Yale-New Haven	\$159,856,000	35.2%	10,536	26.2%	
Total for all CT Acute Care Hospitals	\$1,729,644,461		146,031		

Source: Office of Health Care Access Hospital Budget System and Hospital Inpatient Discharge Databases

Note: Medicare payments to hospitals, discharges and lengths of stay are calculated by Federal Fiscal Year.

St. Joseph Medical Center only operated as an acute care hospital for the first two months (October and November) of FFY 1999.

